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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Proposed Final Judgment in the US v Microsoft antitrust case. I've been a professional software engineer since 1995 and have experience developing software on a variety of operating systems, including Windows. In my qualified opinion, Microsoft's current status as a monopoly has caused unimaginable harm to the advancement and innovation of software technology. In my unqualified opinion, I think this monopoly has caused unimaginable harm to the economy of this country, and the entire world. Microsoft was indeed found guilty in this case, therefore, the monopoly must be brought to an end.

If the PFJ is anything but the most absolutely watertight, loophole-free document, Microsoft's infinite riches will pay for the most brilliant legal minds to help them wiggle out of any restriction it seeks to impose. And given Microsoft's behavior during the trial, we all know that they will do this without shame. I'm very concerned that the current PFJ will fail to prevent this from happening.

Rather than detailing my specific concerns, I instead refer you to this webpage which serves as an adequate proxy to my concerns.

<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>

Regards,
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